

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice and disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

Claim 8. (new) A paper feeder apparatus, comprising:

a paper feed roller that feeds a document:

a separator that prevents a plurality of documents from being fed by the paper feed roller;

a document guide that includes a pair of guide portions, the pair of guide portions being located at both sides of the separator, the document guide being movably mounted at a first support point, the first support point being spaced from a first pressing point, the pair of guide portions being pressed toward the paper feed roller at the first pressing point;

a pressing arm that presses the separator toward the paper feed roller after the pair of guide portions is pressed toward the paper feed roller, the pressing arm being movably mounted at a second support point, the second support point being located between the first support point and a second pressing point, the separator being pressed toward the feed roller at the second pressing point;

a spring that provides spring force to the separator and to the document guide, the spring providing the spring force to the document guide at a

predetermined position between the first support point and the first pressing point of the document guide in one direction, the spring providing the spring force in a direction opposite to the first direction.

Claim 9. (new) The paper feeder apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the second support point of the pressing arm is located between a position of the pressing arm pressed by the spring and the second pressing point of the pressing arm.

Claim 10. (new) The paper feeder apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the predetermined position is located near the first support point.

Claim 11. (new) The paper feeder apparatus according to claim 8 further comprising a spring force controlling section configured to control the spring force of the spring.

Claim 12. (new) A facsimile apparatus equipped with the paper feeder apparatus according to claim 8.